

Region: Northeast

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Is agency Medicaid certified? no **Faith-based Organization:** no
Minority or Disadvantaged Vendor: yes (Minority Vendor & Disadvantaged Vendor)

Facility Accessibility:

• Is wheelchair accessible	• Has a location near public transportation
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Specializations:

- Programs for Women
- Services for Persons Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Hours of Operations:

Monday:	8:30am-4:30pm	Tuesday:	8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday:	8:30am-4:30pm	Thursday:	8:30am-4:30pm
Friday:	8:30am-4:30pm	Saturday:	None
Sunday:	None	Emergency Contact 24 Hour Phone Number:	

Program Description

Benedict Center Women's Harm Reduction Program offers an Outpatient AODA treatment program that has been designed specifically to meet the needs of women involved in the criminal justice system. The Center provides a safe and secure environment in which women can grow. This program is built on the principles of women's relational psychology as well the stages of change model and recognizes that substance abuse must be addressed as one part of the myriad of issues in each woman's life. The program components address women's social and psychological needs starting with the very basic life needs of food and shelter and moving towards assisting women to recover from the physical, sexual, and emotional traumas that they have endured from early childhood to the present. The program also offers women the opportunity to learn to trust other women and to form support systems that can help them after they leave treatment. Within this supportive environment women are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions and to appreciate the harm that their past criminal behaviors caused themselves, their families, and the community.

Our program works with women 17 and older who have current or past problems with the criminal justice system. It offers both individual and group counseling through participation in therapeutic support groups, AODA education groups, Anger and Stress Management groups, Women's Health classes, Women's HIV Prevention groups, and Healing groups for women who want to confront issues of childhood sexual abuse, rape, and/or adult sexual abuse.

The basic contract consists of 12 weeks of treatment with an additional 12 weeks of maintenance. Program is offered Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm. To refer women to our program, please contact us at 347-1774 ext 216.